

Earlier this summer, the Supreme Court held that "economic development" can be a "public use" under the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause. In doing so, the Court allowed the government to take private property from one homeowner and give it to a large corporation for a private research facility. I think that is wrong. That is why I supported H.R. 4128, the Private Property Rights Protection Act, which passed the House overwhelmingly today. This legislation would overturn the Court's decision by statute and prevent states and localities from using federal funds for abusive land grabs.